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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, April 17, 2020, at 11 a.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020

The Senate met at 3:02 and 16 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 16, 2020.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROY BLUNT, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BLUNT thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be recognized, notwithstanding the order for a pro forma session today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, 1 week ago, I warned that the Paycheck Protection Program was running out of money and tried to pass a clean funding bill. Senate Democrats blocked it.

So here we are a week later with absolutely no progress. This morning the program ran out of money and shut down, just as I warned a week ago. Even now, Senate Democrats are still blocking funding. Every Senate Republican was ready to act today—today—but Democrats have not let us reopen the program.

So, look, it is absolutely surreal to see Democratic leaders treat support for workers and small businesses as something they need to be goaded—goaded—into supporting. This really should be above politics.

Five million more Americans lost their jobs just last week. That makes 20 million layoffs in just 1 month. Americans need Democrats to stop blocking emergency paycheck money and let this job-saving program reopen. I hope our colleagues will come around soon.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE- MENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Now, Mr. President, as if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the order of March 26 with respect to Executive Calendar No. 556 be modified to occur on Monday, May 4, with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020, THROUGH MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

Mr. MCCONNELL. So, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only with no business being conducted on the following dates and times; and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, April 20, 2 p.m.; Thursday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.; Monday, April 27, 8 a.m.; and Thursday, April 30, 1 p.m.

I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 30, it next reconvene at 3 p.m. Monday, May 4; and that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, upon the closing of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the Feitel nomination, under the previous order; finally, I ask to renew the appointments authority of the order of March 26.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
APRIL 20, 2020, AT 2 P.M.

ate, I ask unanimous consent that it
stand adjourned under the previous
order.

There being no objection, the Senate,
at 3:06 and 27 seconds p.m., adjourned
until Monday, April 20, 2020, at 2 p.m.

Mr. McCONNELL. If there is no fur-
ther business to come before the Sen-

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 3:02:16 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 3:06:27 p.m. until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Pro Forma Session—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the pro forma session, Senator McConnell be recognized to speak. **Page S2173**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 2 p.m.; Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.; Monday, April 27, 2020 at 8 a.m., and Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 1 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 30, 2020, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2020. **Page S2173**

Feitel Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of March 26, 2020 with respect to the nomination of Robert J. Feitel, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, be modified to occur at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2020, with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect. **Page S2173**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of March 26, 2020, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate, be renewed. **Page S2173**

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, April 17

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.



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